

As a musician and citizen, I urge you to keep radio and station ownership free of corporate monopolies. The proposed changes to ownership rules would certainly undermine the smaller radio stations in this country and undermine the integrity of radio as a whole. Companies such as ClearChannel and Viacom have already degraded the quality and variety of radio programming in this country. To weaken ownership rules would only bring more of the same and reduce radio to a "bottom line" business with little or no regard for the needs and wishes of the listeners, as well as effectively block access to airplay for many independent artists such as myself. That is certainly something we do not need. Our country's strength comes from the diversity of its citizens... so does the strength of radio and other media. The current rules work just fine and should be left alone. Thank you for your time and consideration.